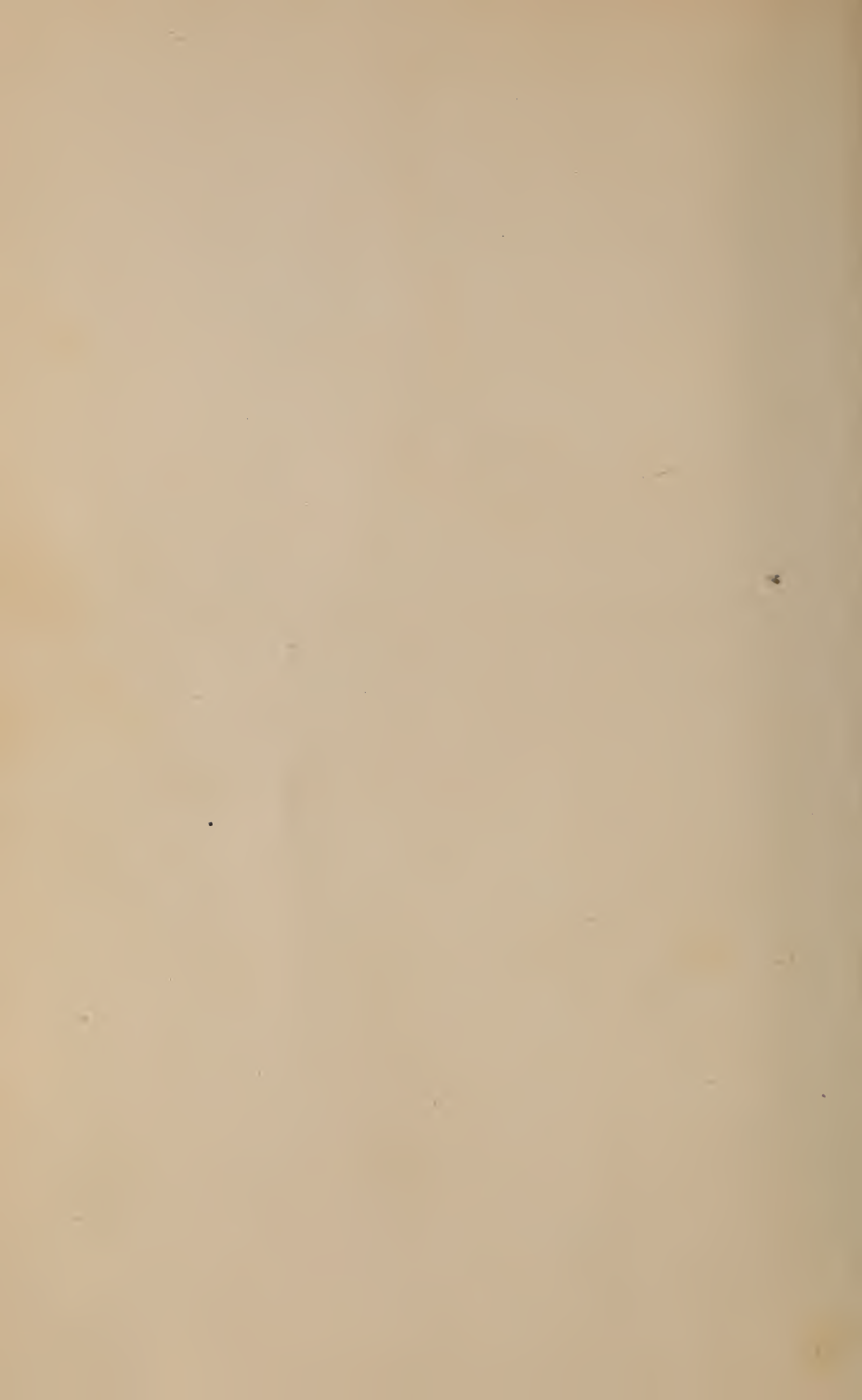


SWAMPSCOTT

REPORTS

YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1880.



TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AUDITING COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1880.



LYNN:

LEECH & LEWIS, Printers, Sherry's Block, Munroe Street,

1880.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

D. HOLMAN MILLETT, }
EDWIN A. FARNHAM, } *Committee.*
BENJ. J. LINDSEY, }

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1879.

Real Estate	\$1,930,205.00
Personal Estate	418,904.00
Total	2,349,109.00
No. of polls	629
State tax on polls	1.00
County tax on polls	1.00
Polls tax	2.00
State tax on property041 $\frac{1}{4}$ on \$1,000
County tax on property73 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 1,000
Town tax on property	7.52 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 1,000
Total rate of taxation	8.30 " 1,000
Total tax on polls	1,258.00
Total tax on Personal Estate	3,477.10
Total tax on Real Estate	16,020.96
Total tax for State, County and Town purposes	\$20,756.06
Number of dwelling houses	499
Number of acres of land	1,453 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of horses	185
Number of cows	98
Whole number of deaths	43
Males	21
Females	22
Whole number of marriages	25
Whole number of births	30
Males	17
Females	13
Whole number of dogs licensed	96
Males	87
Females	9

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

		Rate per Cent	Date.	When due.
C. F. Coffin, Trustee .	\$11,000.00	7	Nov. 13, '74	Nov. 13, '84
Lynn Inst'n for Savings	5,000.00	7	Nov 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
P. A. Chase	5,000.00	7	Nov. 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
P. A. Chase, Trustee .	5,000.00	7	Nov. 13, '74,	Nov. 13, '84
Lynn Inst'n for Savings	4,500.00	5	May 21, '77,	May 21, '82
Salem National Bank .	6,000.00	4	July 15, '79,	July 15, '80
Blaney & Phillips . . .	1,000.00	6	Dec. 2, '76,	Dec. 2, '81
John N. Hooper	874.80	5	April 4, '78	On demand
John Smith	300.00	6	Aug. 1, '77,	Aug. 1, '80
Elizabeth Proctor . .	500.00	6	July 14, '60,	On demand
Edward Knowles . . .	250.00	6	Dec. 2, '76,	Dec. 2, '81
Outstanding orders . .	280.40			
<u>\$39,705.20</u>				

The balance of uncollected taxes is as follows :

William Segar, 1874	\$252.05	
1875	645.97	
Total tax uncollected	<u> </u>	\$898.02
Due from State Aid	745.50	
Indigent Soldiers' Aid	196.81	
Cash in Treasury	13,899.47	
Value of Public Property	38,724.75	
	<u> </u>	\$53,566.53

* Debt reduced during the year, \$3,000.00.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Receipts, pedlars' licenses	8 00
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	1,008.00

EXPENDITURES.

Edwin D. Smithurst, distributing reports . . .	\$3.00
Leech & Lewis, printing reports	80.00
James E. Alger, distributing reports	3.00
Waldo Thompson, professional services	1.00
F. O. Ellis, services as Auditor	15.00
R. B. Jordan, vaccinating children	20.00
Joseph W. Glass, labor on hay scales	3.00
Jos. Stanly, Auditor's Report, case of J. P. Palmer vs. Town of Swampscott	1.80
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., repairing hay scales .	89.86
J. B. & W. A. Lamper, cement and sand, hay scales	1.95
Algernon Robinson, care of Mrs. Henry Hatch	6.00
I. K. Harris, services defining line of Redington, cor. Humphrey	3.00
Rufus Kimball, printing tax-bills and blanks . .	4.25
Hastings & Sons, advertising proposals for coal .	5.25
advertising proposals for collec- tion of taxes	5.25
Luther C. Parker, printing tax-bills	5.25
Leech & Lewis, printing blanks,	4.50
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Amount carried forward,	\$252.11

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$252.11
John Chapman, stock and labor on hay scales . . .	11.86
fence on Forest River Road . . .	15.60
repairing Railroad Bridge on Danvers Road	63.77
repairing Bridge over sidewalk front of Amos Holt's	12.43
Town of Marblehead, Tax on Gravel Pit	8.66
C. C. Noyes, damage to horse and carriage . . .	12.00
I. H. Andrews, stock and labor on fence cor. Red- ington and Rockland Sts.	12.64
John Walsh, care of Vincent Cameron, insane person	11.00
R. B. Jordan, M. D., services for said Cameron	11.50
L. Emery Smith, hack for Cameron	6.00
C. A. Ahearne, M. D., services for Vincent Cam- eron	13.00
Alfred Cross & Co., pants for Vincent Cameron .	1.25
Callahan Bros., clothing for Vincent Cameron .	1.15
Everett Boynton, sundries	1.05
Harvey Jewell, land damage, Sept., 1872 . . .	25.00
C. A. Morris, painting and lettering hay scales .	4.05
water trough	1.25
Geo. E. Conners, tax reimbursed	2.00
John Washburn, landau in procession 250th Anni- versary of Settlement of Lynn	12.00
C. E. Durgin, envelopes74
Leonard Blanchard, land rent for life-boat house	20.00
Arther C. Widger, recording births, marriages and deaths	25.05
D. H. Millett, services as Assessor	100.00
services as Auditor	15.00
John Chapman, repairing and setting sign post .	1.00
services as Assessor	40.00
N. M. Hawkes, legal services	50.00
George Smith, services as Assessor	30.00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$760.11</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$760.11
Jos. Stanley, services as superintendent of cemetery	25.00
services as Chairman of Selectmen	200.00
G. H. Hobby, services as Selectman	100.00
W. A. Stubbs, services as Selectman	100.00
Roberts' Express, expressing	15.40
John H. Crossman, returning deaths	5.75
Arthur C. Widger, services as Town Clerk	75.00
sundries, postage, &c.	4.50
Dan'l P. Stimpson, collecting taxes 1879	242.20
services as Treasurer	125.00
collecting taxes 1873	20.00
professional services, postage, &c.	12.18
Hastings & Sons, advertising	3.50
J. P. Small, sundries	2.20
	<hr/> \$1,690.84

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$6,500.00
School Fund, 1878	187.14
	<hr/> \$6,687.14

EXPENDITURES.

S. E. Bailey, services as teacher	\$1,000.00
Miss Mary Landen, services as teacher	240.00
Mrs. Mary E. Larkin, services as teacher . . .	450.00
Miss Abbie M. Mott, services as teacher . . .	480.00
Miss Charlotte F. Mott, services as teacher . .	450.00
Miss Kate Commerford, services as teacher . .	465.00
Miss Sarah Palmer, services as teacher	180.00
Miss Alva Goudey, services as teacher	450.00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$3,715.00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,715.00
Miss Hattie J. Thing, services as teacher . .	450.00
Miss Margaret B. Wardwell, services as teacher	187.50
Miss Fannie L. Stanley, services as teacher .	225.00
Miss Martha A. Grey, services as teacher . .	225.00
Miss Kitty Honors, two days' services as teacher	3 50
L. E. Pease, services as teacher of penmanship	50.00
Eben S. Martin, Jr., Janitor Grammar School	300.00
sundries	1.41
James Bryant, janitor West End School . . .	108.33
Mrs. Harriet Coan, janitor Beach School . . .	100.00
Mrs. Bridget Casey, janitor Farm School . .	50.00
John P. Pierce, janitor at West End School .	33.32
Mrs. S. L. Honors, services as teacher	8.75
S. E. Bailey, use of surveying instruments . .	10.00
Leech & Lewis, stationery and cards	8.00
Nichols & Hall, books and stationery	71.36
A. F. Neshitt, services as truant officer, 1878 .	35.00
A. E. Burton & Co., feather dusters	10.91
Philip Ashton, ink	9.30
F. C. Hastings & Co., drawing books and paper	9.00
Everett Boynton, books	7.30
Miss A. M. Mott, books	1.95
Frost & Adams, books and sundries	2 95
Coleman & Maxwell, paper	21.00
Benj. A. Martin, whitewashing at Farm School	2.00
cleaning windows in Grammar	
School	2.00
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber	34.53
Gilbert Delano, stock and labor	31.10
Miss Sarah Palmer, drawing manual80
O. Lappen & Co., Waste baskets	3 50
Choate & Rowe, coal	41.87
Daniel E. Lombard, sawing and splitting wood	6.72
Alden Choate, coal and wood	164.54
J. L. Hammatt, sundries	1.95
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,933.59

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,933.59
W. H. Hutchinson, hardware	7.41
J. A. Bean, four oak chairs	4.00
John C. Haynes & Co., singing books	24.44
Boston School Supply Co., globe, erasers, etc.	18.92
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Grammar School .	7.32
sundries at Beach School . .	20.05
sundries at Pine Street School	16.94
sundries at Farm School . .	6.40
sundries at Essex Street School	8.45
Pelag Gardner, stock and labor at Beach School	20.37
stock and labor at West End	
School	3.00
T. O. Philbrick, sundries at Beach School . .	1.53
Carter, Rice & Co., paper	4.50
A. S. Barnes & Co., chemicals	30.00
Frank O. Ellis, books	4.00
George H. Holden, wood	20.90
J. P. Small, repairing locks, etc.	5.92
Wm. A. Francis, sundries at Grammar School	5.03
Chairman School Committee, car fares for 1879	15 00
3 days' time and expenses .	8.70
school clock	5.25
black board erasers	4 00
sundries	9 99
C. A. Morris, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's work at Beach School .	1.25
repairing and slating black boards	
at Beach School	36.00
varnishing chairs, desks, etc., at	
Beach School	2.50
1 day's work at Grammar School	2.50
setting glass at Grammar School	3.25
1 day's work on seats at Gram-	
mar School	2.50
repairing and slating black boards	
at Grammar School	24.50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$6,258.21</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$6,258.21
C. A. Morris, 1 day's work on seats at Farm School	2.50
painting house, fence and blinds, two coats, at Farm School . .	58.75
painting roof at Farm School .	19.70
blind trimmings and repairs, setting glass at Farm School . .	5.90
painting entries, two coats, at Farm School	8.75
screws, nails and window fastenings at Farm School	1.50
1 day's work on windows at Pine Street School	2.50
setting glass at Pine Street School	2.25
repairing and slating black boards at Pine Street School	18.00
repairing leaky roof at Pine Street School	3.25
repairing and setting glass at Grammar and Pine Street Schools	3.88
1 day's work	2.50
250 sheets drawing paper at 3 cts.	7.50
1 ream drawing paper	7.75
100 boxes school crayons . . .	16.00
blank cards, 75 ; shelf brackets, 75	1.50
varnishing 130 desks and furniture	18.80
cleaning desks and furniture . .	3.00
designs, &c., for drawing . . .	7.37
S. H. Shaw, jobbing	1.75
Charles P. Curtis, services as School Committee	60.00
Frank O. Ellis, services as School Committee .	60.00
	<hr/> \$6,571.36

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
Receipts street scrapings	13.50
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	\$2,513.50

EXPENDITURES.

P. Cullen, sharpening picks and drills	\$24.38
labor on snow plow	6.50
Lynn Water Board, water for streets	187.87
John Chapman, stock and labor, fence on Swamp Road	13.70
John Chapman, stock and labor, drain on Red- ington street	1.89
Jos. S. Brown, trimming trees	6.13
T. O. Philbrick, drain pipe and lanterns	61.86
H. W. Wilson, edge stone	5.40
P. Holden, 15 loads gravel	4.00
A T. Goodwin, 500 loads gravel	100.00
E. Longley, covering stone	3.50
Parker & Gannett, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen spades	5.87
John E. Chase, labor on snow	2.00
Addison Stone, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at 1.50	3.75
William Thurston, $2\frac{1}{4}$ days' work	3.37
William Cronin, 1 days' work on snow	1.50
S. McDonough, $2\frac{1}{4}$ days' work	3.37
Bryan McDermott, 1 days' work on snow	1.50
John Griffin, $3\frac{3}{4}$ days' work	5.62
Daniel Allen, 11 days' work with team	33.00
Thomas Murray, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days' work paving	9.00
Thomas Bergan, sharpening picks	8.20
Nathaniel Galucia, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	33.75
James Harding, 13 days' work team	39.00
George Barker, 9 days' work	13.50
Richard H. Cobb, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days' work team	10.50

Amount carried forward,

\$589.16

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$589.16
John G. Twisden, $31\frac{3}{4}$ days' work team	95.25
L. W. Pickard, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	14.25
Martin Nies, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days' work team	52.50
John N. Galucia, 3 days' work	4.50
Patrick Farrell, 33 days' work team	99.00
32 days' work	48.00
John Gannon, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days' work team	40.50
Charles Roderick, 15 days' work	22.50
J. H. Stone, 10 days' work	15.00
M. S. Gwinn, $20\frac{1}{2}$ days' work team	61.50
1 day's work	1.50
Dennis Lyons, $15\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	23.25
William Kane, $21\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	33.25
Richard V. Bessom, $12\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	18.75
David Myers	46.87
D. W. Nesbitt, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	6.75
James Bryson, $13\frac{1}{2}$ days' work team	40.50
Richard Connors, 12 days' work	18.00
John Cooney, $29\frac{3}{4}$ days' work	44.63
Timothy Ryan, $42\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	63.74
Michael Casey, $29\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	44.25
John McDonough, $34\frac{1}{4}$ days' work team . . .	102.75
Thomas Cahill, 14 days' work	21.00
A. R. Galucia, $20\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	30.75
R. P. Kendrick, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days' work	1.87
17 days' work team	51.00
E. A. Farnham, 11 days' work team	33.00
James Weeman, $15\frac{3}{4}$ days' work team	47.25
Solomon H. Shaw, $17\frac{1}{3}$ days' work team . . .	52.00
31 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work team	93.75
Patrick Carroll, 40 days' work	60.00
John Mahan, $46\frac{1}{4}$ days' work	69.37
George Wellman, $41\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	62.24
Daniel Myers, $47\frac{3}{4}$ days' work	71.62
blasting rocks50

Amount carried forward, \$2,080.75

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,080.75
Michael Ryan, 53 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work	79.87
Robert Harris, 32 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work team	96.75
John Washburn, storing derrick	3.00
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work with 2 horses and carts (horse extra)	17.50
33 $\frac{2}{3}$ days' work with team	101.00
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' breaking roads with teams	15.25
2 days' breaking roads	8.00
Thomas Kennedy, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	26.25
Malachi Kennedy, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	45.00
6 buckets cement	1.20
4 days' work at 1.50	6.00
9 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work at 1.50	14.62
labor and stock on drains	12.50
Bartlett Shaw, 105 days' personal services at 2.50	262.50
Bartlett Shaw, 56 days' work with team	168.00
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work	18.75
clearing snow	36.75
repairing pump drain	8.00
	<hr/> \$3,001.69

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$400.00
Dog tax 1879	176.46
From Curtis V. Merritt, Librarian	129.95
	<hr/> \$706.41

EXPENDITURES.

James A. Mott, book	\$1.50	
Hinckley, Thorp & Dresser, stationery	5.00	
J. L. Lang, rubber stamp	2.50	
John Chapman, stock and labor	80.21	
Thomas B. Breare, binding books	27 25	
Rogers & Newhall, binding books, &c.	22.25	
J. N. Allen & Berry, blanks, cards, &c.	24 50	
Benj. Potter & Sons, stock and labor	17.02	
Thos. P. Nichols, printing catalogues	42.00	
Geo. F. King, stationery	1.60	
A. Williams & Co., books	2.55	
Chas. Rowell, stock and labor	2.00	
Wm. H. Collins, painting, filling, &c.	15 00	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, cleaning library	2.75	
Estes & Lauriat, books	207.48	
Edward Crossman, assistant librarian	8.33	
Curtis V. Merritt, services as librarian including assistant	210.83	
Curtis V. Merritt, sundries	5.85	
		<u>\$678.62</u>

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Receipts	286.26	
		<u>\$1,786.26</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Essex Co. receptacle for the insane	
Board for Wm. Quiner	\$130.35
Clothing for Wm. Quiner	20.00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	
Board for Anna Richardt	182.55
Board for Margaret Welch	182.50
	<u>\$515.40</u>
Amount carried forward,	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$515.40
Clothing for Margaret Welch	21.22
State Hospital for Insane (Danvers)	
Board for Mrs. Maria Hatch	141 86
Sundries for Mrs. Maria Hatch	1 01
Board for Mrs. Sarah P. Russell	51.43
Sundries for Mrs. Sarah P. Russell	2.20
Asylum for the Chronic Insane.	
Board for James Bishop	162.86
Clothing for James Bishop	13.76
Nathaniel Seaver, aid rendered Ellen Burrows .	72.00
City of Lynn, for aid rendered Mrs. Caroline Pierce	11.75
Town of Natick, for board of Thomas Allen 57 weeks at 2.00	114.00
Town of Natick, groceries for Thomas Allen .	6.00
E. P. Dodge, lodging tramps	4.80
Wm. Granger, services with team, case of Arthur Woodbury	2.00
Mrs. H. P. Granger, house rent for Mrs. John C. Caswell, 7 mos. at 5.00	35.00
L. D. Pettingill, groceries for Chas. Bacon . .	150.50
groceries for Thos. H. Durgin	16.94
Benj. J. Lindsey, clothing Arthur Ellis	9.30
John H. Crossman, funeral expenses of G. Far- rington	23.00
G. H. Holden, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal for T. H. Durgin . .	3.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal for J. Harding	3.25
1 ton coal for Chas. Bacon	5.25
Alden Choate, wood and coal for Mrs. B. Proctor	3.63
wood and coal for Chas. Bacon	14.50
wood and coal for Geo. Farrington	3.00
coal for Mrs. Kate Frazier	11.00
coal for T. H. Durgin	4.25
wood and coal for W. Wright	3.75
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$1,407.16

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,407.16
Choate & Rowe, coal for Mrs. Kate Frazier . .	7.00
wood and coal for Mrs. John	
C. Caswell	4.50
wood and coal for J. O. Stone	7.90
R. B. Jordan, M. D., medical attendance, John	
Bluitts' family	3.00
medical attendance, M.	
O'Connell's family . .	15.00
medical attendance, Flor-	
ence Jones	3.00
medical attendance, Geo.	
W. Farrington's family	44.00
W. B. Chase, M. D., medical attendance, John	
Bluitts' family	1.00
John Washburn, removing 6 persons to Tewks-	
bury Almshouse	14.75
carriage work	5.00
services as Overseer	20.00
John C. Stimson, car fare, postage and station-	
ery	8.61
services as Overseer	37.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board E. Brim-	
blecomb	24.00
John A. Rogers, services as Overseer	15.00
	<hr/> \$1616.92
Reimbursed by John Brimblecomb . .	24.00
John P. Russell	53.63
Anna Richardt	182.55
Geo. W. Farrington . .	8.00
Aid rendered to family in 1866	17.48
	<hr/> \$285.66
To be reimbursed by State, (Jas. Bishop) . .	49.30
(Wm. Quiner) . .	41.51
	<hr/> \$376.47
Actual expense of Poor Department	<hr/> \$1240.45

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	500.00	
Receipts	\$3.00	
		<u>\$503.00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Rodney A. Douglass, services 18 weeks as police, at \$9.00	\$162.00	
Rodney A. Douglass, serving dog warrant . .	15.00	
D. W. Nesbitt, services 15 weeks as police officer at 6.00	90.00	
services 17 weeks at \$8.00 . . .	136 00	
services 13 nights	11.25	
services 5 nights	3.75	
services as constable 1879 . . .	23.00	
Thomas & Co., carrying prisoner to Lynn . .	1.00	
James Wheeler, services as constable . . .	29.00	
Nathaniel Galucia, services as constable . .	10.00	
Herbert E. Newcomb, use of team	1.00	
J. B. Hawes, use of team	1.50	
George Howe & Co., 3 police badges	3.75	
John P. Lovell & Son, pistol and cartridges . .	6.50	
		<u>\$493.75</u>

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	
Receipts	\$203.50

EXPENDITURES.

Lynn Gas Co.	\$105.60	
A. F. Nesbitt, janitor	4.29	
		<u>\$109.89</u>
Amount carried forward,		

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$109.89
Bartlett Shaw, grading	2.00
J. E. O. Nesbitt, labor on Town Hall	8.00
John Chapman, repairs	28.18
S. J. Pettingill, sundries	2.38
T. O. Philbrick, sundries	11.36
Alden Choate, coal	22.37
George H. Holden, wood	7.50
J. P. Small, repairing locks	2.57
William A. Francis, sundries91
	<hr/> \$195.16

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT,

Appropriation	\$300 00
Receipts, from sale of lots	175.00
	<hr/> \$475.00

EXPENDITURES.

Woodside Nursery, trees	\$13.50
Joseph Breck & Son, wheelbarrow	4.00
S. H. Shaw, 1½ days' labor with team	4.50
J. B. Hawes, 1 day's labor with team	1.50
I. O. Guild, door for town tomb	23.00
D. Myers, 8 days' labor on well	14 00
8 days' labor on well	12.00
I. H. Webster, repairs on pump	4.00
Joseph S. Brown, 7 days' labor on well	10.50
Benjamin Potter & Sons, stock and labor	3.51
R. V. Bessom, 81 days' labor	121.50
Michael Ryan, 13½ days' labor	20.25
Daniel Myers, 6½ days' labor	9.75
Martin Nies, 3 days' labor horse and cart	4.50
R. V. Bessom, 5 days' labor, horse and cart	7.50
	<hr/> \$254.01

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$50.00

EXPENDITURES.

Thomas Ryan, cleaning around boat houses . .	\$5.00
Frank Lowell, three signs	7.50
E. F. Wiley and Frank Bartlett, labor on drain	6.00
E. F. Wiley and Frank Bartlett, sundries07
S. H. Shaw, cleaning beach and burying horse .	7.00
Thomas Kennedy, 1 day's labor	1.50
Malachi Connell, 1 day's labor	1.50
John Mahan, 1 day's labor	1.50
Dennis Lyons, 1 day's labor	1.50
James G. Brown, 1 day's labor	1.50
Patrick Farrell, 2½ days' labor with team . . .	7.50
Dr. W. B. Chase, chloride of lime	1.20
Charles E. Harris, services	37.00
Richard P. Horton, services	17.50
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	\$96.27

STREET LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$100.00

EXPENDITURES.

Joseph Stanley, ladder	1.80
W. & F. H. Whittemore, oil	8.44
Edward Marsh, services lighting lamps	80.00
J. P. Small, paint, labor, &c.49
C. A. Morris, setting glass25
T. O. Philbrick, sundries	4.05
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	\$95.03

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$100.00

EXPENDITURES.

John Chapman, door and labor at engine house	3.00	
D. P. Stimson, Treas., for services engine men	100.00	
Hunneman & Co., repairs on engine	48.80	
C. A. Morris, setting glass, engine house90	
C. E. Durgin, alcohol and sweet oil	4.75	
Henry Widger, services as steward	25.00	
J. P. Small, paint and keys	9 75	
T. O. Philbrick, stove and sundries	18.20	
Wm. A. Francis, sundries	4.60	
	<u> </u>	\$215.00

INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

EXPENDITURES.

John Pedrick	\$48.00	
George W. Farrington	12.00	
Edward S. Wilkins	30.00	
John C. Caswell	16.00	
	<u> </u>	\$106.00

STATE AID.

Received from State \$657.00

EXPENDITURES.

Joseph W. Glass	\$72.00	
William Widger	48.00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u> </u>	\$120.00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$120.00
Patrick Milan	48.00
A. M. Chute	48.00
Wm. H. Johnson	48.00
Charles H. Fairbanks	48.00
James Umber	48.00
Edward Winslow	36.00
John C. Stimpson	120.00
Horace W. Wardwell	54.00
John Merritt	36.00
Mathew B. Cochran	72.00
Gorman DeBruyn	18.00
Daniel Cleary	12.00
Michael Haley	24.00
George W. Pierce	13.50
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	\$745.50

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.
Selectmen's Department	\$1,008.00	\$1,690.84
School Department	6,687.14	6,571.36
Highway Department	2,513.50	3,001.69
Library Department	706.41	678 62
Overseers of the Poor Department . . .	1,786.26	1,616.92
Cemetery Department	475 00	254.01
Town Hall Department	203.50	195.16
Police Department	503.00	493.75
Street Lamp Department	100.00	95.03
Board of Health Department	50.00	96.27
Fire Department	100.00	215.00
Indigent Soldiers' Department	1,281.73	106.00
State Aid Department	657.00	745.50
State Tax	1,500.00	715.00
County Tax	2,200.00	2,335.00
Interest	3,000.00	2,621.49
Corporation Tax	1,826.77	
National Bank Tax	1,225.61	
	<hr/> \$25,823.92	<hr/> \$21,431.64

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town House and Lot	\$10,000.00
Grammar School House and Lot	9,000.00
Beach School House and Lot	4,500.00
Pine Street School House and Lot	5,000.00
Essex Street School House and Lot	2,000.00
Farm School House and Lot	2,000.00
Engine House and Lot, Engine and Hose	1,500.00
Gravel Pits	1,000.00

Amount carried forward,

\$35,000.00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$35,000.00
Derrick	150.00
Treasurer's Safe	50.00
Town Safe at Town Hall	250.00
Town Library	3,000.00
Hay Scales	100.00
Scales, Weights, &c.	100.00
2 Revolvers and Badges for Police	18.75
Snow Plow, \$25.00; 15 Picks, \$15.00	40.00
16 Shovels, \$10.00; 3 Iron Bars, \$6.00	16.00
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	\$38,724.75

Town of Swampscott in account with D. P. Stimpson, Collector.

Dr.

To amount taxes collected 1879	\$20,187.33	
amount taxes collected 1877	1,037.33	
amount taxes collected 1876	121.80	
amount taxes collected 1873	29.60	
amount taxes abated 1879	330.22	
amount taxes abated 1877	346.33	
amount taxes abated 1876	124.37	
amount taxes abated 1873	52.06	
amount taxes discounted 1879	240.52	
amount interest collected 1877	166.89	
amount interest collected 1876	124.54	
amount error in commitment 1877	17.00	
		————— \$22,777.98

Cr.

By amount committed 1879	\$20,758.06	
balance committed 1877	1,400.66	
balance committed 1876	182.81	
balance committed 1873	81.66	
error in commitment 1876	63.36	
interest collected	291.43	
		————— \$22,777.98

D. P. STIMPSON, *Collector.*

SWAMPSCOTT, March 1, 1880.

Town of Swampscott in account with Wm. Seger, Collector.

1879.

Dr.

To amount collected 1875	\$81.00
amount collected 1874	51.15
amount uncollected 1875	645.97
amount uncollected 1874	252.05
To interest collected	2.00
	—————\$1,032.17

1879.

Cr.

By balance committed 1875	726.97
balance committed 1874	303.20
interest collected	2.00
	—————\$1,032.17

WM. SEGER, *Collector.*

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT IN ACCOUNT WITH

Dr.

To cash paid Selectmen's orders 1879	\$15,480.72
Selectmen's orders 1878	95.94
State Treasurer, State tax	715.00
County Treasurer, County tax	2,335.00
Five Cents Savings Bank, note	2,500.00
Lynn Institution for Savings, note	6,000.00
Warren E. Small Estate, note	500.00
Interest on notes	2,621.49
Collector, land sold for taxes	9.42
*Cash in the treasury, February 29, 1880	13,899.47

 \$44,157.04

*We have verified the above statement by personal inquiry at the National City Bank, of Lynn, and we also hold a certificate from the Cashier that there is on deposit at this time, (March 5th), the above amount subject to the order of the Treasurer.

*D. P. SIMPSON, TREASURER.**Cr.*

By balance cash in the treasury, March 1, 1879 . . .	\$9,954.48
cash State Treasurer, balance Corporation tax 1878 . . .	211.23
State Treasurer, Corporation tax	1,826.77
State Treasnrer, National Bank tax	1,225.61
State Treasurer, Mass. School Fund	187.14
State Treasurer, Indigent Soldiers' Relief	1,281.73
State Treasurer, State Aid	657.00
County Treasurer, dog tax	176.46
County Treasurer, interest allowed on County Tax	14.28
Joseph Stanley, rent of Town Hall	203.50
Cemetery lots	175.00
J. C. Stimpson, Overseers of Poor	286.26
C. V. Merritt, Town Library	129.95
Pedlers' license	8.00
Bartlett Shaw, for street scrapings sold	13.50
G. W. Pierce, State Aid overpaid	1.50
Salem National Bank loan	6,000.00
Police Department	3.00
Wm. Seger, taxes	134.15
D. P. Stimpson, taxes	21,667.48
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	\$44,157.04

D. P. STIMPSON, Treasurer.

SWAMPSCOTT, March 1, 1880.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

Selectmen,

JOSEPH STANLEY,
WHITFIELD A. STUBBS, GEORGE H. HOBBY.

Town Clerk,

ARTHUR C. WIDGER.

Assessors,

D. HOLMAN MILLETT,
JOHN CHAPMAN, GEORGE SMITH.

School Committee,

FRANK O. ELLIS,

Term expires 1882.

CHARLES P. CURTIS, CHARLES A. MORRIS,
Term expires 1881. Term expired.

Treasurer,

DANIEL P. STIMPSON.

Overseers of the Poor,

JOHN C. STIMPSON,
JOHN A. ROGERS, JOHN WASHBURN.

Constables,

JAMES WHEELER,
DAVID W. NISBETT, NATHANIEL GALUCIA.

Board of Health,

CHARLES E. HARRIS,
RICH. P. HORTON, HEZEKIAH NEWCOMB
accepted the position but never acted with
the Board.

Field Drivers,

RICHARD V. BESSOM, EDWARD MARSH.

Fence Viewers,

ROBERT HARRIS, EPH. T. SMITH.

Measurer of Wood and Bark,

ISAAC H. ANDREWS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,

GEORGE W. HARRIS.

Pound Keepers,

STEPHEN RANDALL, EDWARD MARSH.

Auditing Committee,

D. HOLMAN MILLETT.

BENJ. J. LINDSAY, EDWIN A. FARNHAM.

APPOINTED.

Collector of Taxes,

DANIEL P. STIMPSON.

*Chief Engineers,**First,**Second,*

DANIEL F. PROCTOR, NATHANIEL GALUCIA.

Trustees of Public Library,

DANIEL P. STIMPSON,

FRANK F. STANLEY, FRANK O. ELLIS,

Librarian,

CURTIS V. MERRITT.

Superintendent of Cemetery,

JOSEPH STANLEY.

Janitor of Town Hall,
J. E. O. NESBITT.

Town Weigher,
THOMAS PEDRICK.

Special Police,
DAVID W. NESBITT,
RODNEY A. DOUGLASS, J. E. O. NESBITT,
at Town Hall.
JOSIAH C. BRAY, MARK A. COLLINS,
at Reform Club. at Hotel Beacon.
RICH. A. BESSOM, HIRAM B. WARDWELL.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT:

As we look back over the past few years and consider what our growth and prosperity has been, and then carefully contemplate our future, we cannot but feel convinced that, to insure the thrift and progress that should be attained, some better and more liberal policy should be pursued in our Town affairs than has been done in the past.

A number of recommendations and suggestions in the interest of our welfare have been made, to which we wish to call your attention.

Of the first importance are the suggestions for improvements tending to increase the attractiveness of Swampscott as a watering place. These are: the introduction of water, a system of drainage, the lighting of our streets, and the improvement of our sidewalks and roads. It is not to be expected that we shall be able to make all these improvements in one year, but that some part be undertaken each year until finally we shall have completed them all.

The sum appropriated for our streets has generally been sufficient to keep them in good order, but we find that the expenditures for this year have exceeded the

appropriation ; the excess we have no doubt our surveyor felt compelled to use, in order not to fail to keep our streets in a safe and proper condition, and, as we shall probably need to do as much work in the coming year as in that just passed, we think the appropriation should be increased over that of last year ; and we also think it would be advisable to add a little for the improvement of our sidewalks. In this connection we would recommend, instead of our present custom of setting curb-stones for any one who will provide them, that the Town bear the expense of the setting as at present, and also pay one-half the cost of the stones, for, by offering greater inducements, we shall secure a better co-operation of our citizens than heretofore, and thus advance the work more rapidly, which is very desirable we should do.

In regard to street lights, we would suggest that the same plan be followed as applied to curb-stones ; that is, that a part of the expense be borne by the Town, and a part by those directly benefited ; or it might be better for the Town to make a liberal appropriation to erect and maintain such lights as may be necessary.

One of the most important of our needs is good drainage. Of this we were forcibly reminded last summer, and also experienced some of the evil effects occasioned by not giving the matter proper attention, and we trust that something should be done to avoid a repetition of the evil the coming season. We are well aware that the

Town is not prepared, at present, to adopt and carry out any very extensive system of drainage, but we are of the opinion that considerable can be accomplished this year, and we would especially advise that the Town should give all encouragement possible to individual enterprise in this important matter.

To obtain a supply of water, probably the least expensive plan would be to take it from Lynn; but the supply once offered us by them cannot at present be given, for they now have not sufficient for their own needs; but as they no doubt will soon increase their supply, and again be in position to renew their offer to us, it appears advisable to wait until that time before taking any action in this matter.

At the annual meeting in March, 1878, it was voted that the law of limitation affecting the case of John P. Palmer *vs.* Town of Swampscott should be waived, and the case tried on its merits; and in accordance with that vote the case has been so tried, and the Auditor appointed by the Superior Court has submitted the following report :—

ESSEX, ss.,

SUPERIOR COURT.

{ JOHN P PALMER
vs.
{ INHABITANTS OF SWAMPSCOTT,

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned, appointed auditor in the above entitled case, having met the parties, and having heard their various allegations and proofs, reports as follows:—

This was an action brought by the plaintiff to recover payment for services rendered and cash paid by him in obtaining recruits for the Town of Swampscott in 1864, and for money paid for professional services alleged to have been rendered in a suit in which the Town was interested.

It appeared in evidence that the plaintiff in 1864 was chairman of the Selectmen of the Town of Swampscott, and was employed by the Town as a recruiting officer, and acted as such, and busied himself from time to time for some months in procuring men to fill the Swampscott quota, as drafts were made to fill the Massachusetts Regiments. In so doing he spent considerable sums for bounties for recruits and for other expenses connected with the business, and there being at the time a question as to the amount which the Town could legally furnish for recruiting purposes, private subscriptions were placed in the hands of the plaintiff, and were used by him. At the hearing the plaintiff introduced evidence tending to show that he had expended the sums charged in his account, and that he had received the sum, namely, five thousand six hundred and seven (5,607) dollars, for which he had given the defendant credit.

To show that the plaintiff had been reimbursed for the whole sum so charged, the defendant introduced evidence tending to prove that the Town had paid to the plaintiff the sum of four thousand five hundred (4,500) dollars, and claimed that this should be added to the amount credited by him, and that it would then appear

that the plaintiff had received the full amount charged, and something more.

In reply to this, the plaintiff, admitting that he had received this sum of forty-five hundred (4,500) dollars, introduced evidence to show that, in addition to the amounts charged in his account, he had expended the further sum of forty-five hundred (4,500) dollars in payment of a bounty of one hundred and twenty-five (125) dollars for each of the thirty-six (36) recruits whom he claimed to have obtained.

It was the opinion of the Auditor, upon all the evidence, and, he so finds, that the plaintiff had paid the amounts charged in his account, and that in addition thereto he had paid said sum of one hundred and twenty-five (125) dollars for each recruit; but it did not satisfactorily appear that the number of recruits was thirty six (36) but thirty-four (34) only, and consequently that, of said sum of forty-five hundred (4,500) dollars, forty-two hundred and fifty (4,250) dollars only was accounted for, leaving a balance of two hundred and fifty (250) dollars not accounted for, which should be credited to the defendant.

It was admitted by the defendant that there was in the hands of the Town, and due to some person, the amount charged as head money, which was an allowance for recruiting purposes made through the State to the Town, but it was stated that there was another claimant for this money. No evidence was introduced to show that any other person had any valid claim to this amount, and, as it appeared that the recruits had been obtained by the plaintiff, the Auditor was of opinion that he had established his claim to sixty-eight (68) dollars out of the seventy (70) dollars, being two (2) dollars for each of thirty-four recruits. The item for "cash paid C. A. Phillips, Esq., for professional services, twenty (20) dollars," and interest, is not allowed.

At the hearing it was stated to be the wish of both parties that the Auditor should not pass upon any questions of law as to the liability of the Town to pay such charges as were made by the plaintiff, or upon any question as to the effect of the statute of limitations upon the plaintiff's claims, but that he should confine himself to the statement of the amount of cash paid out by the plaintiff,

and the amount received by him in payment therefor, and a statement of the time at which a demand was made upon the Town. The Auditor therefore finds, in accordance with the views above set forth, that the plaintiff's account is correctly stated, except that two (2) dollars should be deducted from the charge for head money, and that two hundred and fifty (250) dollars should be credited in addition to the amount of credit given in the account; and that the charge for money paid to C. A. Phillips, Esq., and interest, should be stricken out.

In reference to the demand made upon the Town by the plaintiff, evidence was introduced upon both sides, and the testimony was conflicting as to whether or not the claim was spoken of in Town Meeting in 1864, and in subsequent years. It was claimed by the plaintiff that, inasmuch as he was Chairman of the Selectmen in 1864, his knowledge of the debt was equivalent to a demand upon the Town; but it did not satisfactorily appear to the Auditor that any claim in the nature of a demand for payment was made until about the year 1872, when the plaintiff testified that he presented a regular bill. This not having been contradicted, the Auditor finds that a demand was made upon the first day of January of that year.

J. A. GILLIS, *Auditor*.

Salem, April 23d, 1879.

ESSEX, SS., SUPERIOR COURT, }
Clerk's Office, May 8, 1879. }

The foregoing is a true copy, as on file.

Attest:

GEO. R. LORD, *Asst. Clerk*.

Our police force has been one of the means of preserving the good order we have had during the past year, and we would recommend that the same be continued for the coming year, and an appropriation made for that purpose.

The Town Hall, as is well known, is not large enough to accommodate the large number of our people who often wish to attend some meeting there, and it is a frequent occurrence that many are turned away, unable to gain admittance. Its proposed enlargement we think advisable.

This is the second year in which the collection of our taxes has been made obligatory upon our collector, and the plan is, no doubt, a most excellent one, for in each year our collections have been made within the time allowed, and we therefore hope to see the same method followed next year.

Toward the protection of our homes in case of fire, an efficient fire department would render valuable aid. We have now an organized fire company of about sixty members, and with proper encouragement on the part of the Town, they will, no doubt, continue to preserve their organization and be ready at all times to give their services when needed. The engine and hose are both in good condition, but the house has long since been worn out, and, if the organization is deemed necessary, a new house should be furnished.

All our different departments have been well managed and cared for except perhaps our schools, which have suffered somewhat during the winter months by the absence of all but one of the Committee, leaving him with more work to do than he could properly attend to.

The different reports following will inform you of the particular work done in each department, all of which is

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH STANLEY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Swampscott.</i>
GEO. H. HOBBY.		
W. A. STUBBS,		

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Gentlemen:—In presenting this, my twelfth annual report, I desire to present to you a few facts in connection with the past history of our Library, its present condition, and a few of its many needs for the future. In 1853, a “ Library Association ” of Swampscott residents was formed, which, after a life of about nine years, dissolved, leaving in care of the Town its motley collection of a few hundred books.

In the spring of 1867 the Town took action, and appropriated fifty dollars to establish the library ; the following year, one hundred dollars was voted, and the present incumbent appointed librarian by the Board of Selectmen. A careful examination of the books mentioned convinced us that there was little to interest and attract readers. Consent was obtained from the Selectmen, and a subscription paper was opened in aid of the enterprise. About \$150.00 was raised, the late D. W. Fuller subscribing \$50.00. New books were purchased, and the Library opened June 13, 1868, with about six hundred volumes on its shelves.

Annually, since then, the town has voted small sums

to its support, which, in addition to fees received from loaning books, gradually increased the collection. The management was very democratic, and visitors were allowed to select books themselves — a very pleasant feature — which brought many patrons during the summer season, and largely increased its revenues.

At the March meeting in 1879, it was voted “to make the Library free to the citizens of Swampscott,” out of which a complicated question as to whom the right belongs has arisen. Acting under your instruction, and with what we understood the spirit of the meeting to be, the right of free use was denied all transient residents. After a recess of two weeks, the Library opened May 3, as a Free Library. A complete change has been made in the delivery of books, and our system is considered as simple and efficient as any in use. Six hundred persons are already registered on our books.

The circulation of the books for the past ten months has been 11,235; for the whole year, 11,903, against 5,606 the year previous. \$129.95 has been received from fines and the sale of catalogues. One hundred and thirty-three new books have been added this year, and thirty-five have been purchased to replace others worn out and lost.

The Library has been opened sixty times.

Gentlemen, in closing, I desire to thank you for your co-operation with me for the past year, and for the many

services which have been gratuitously rendered. The year has been one of hard work, far beyond what was anticipated. Notwithstanding the two assistants I have employed, I find the delivery cannot be properly attended to in the few hours the Library is now open.

With the fact of the increased amount of time to be required, which is more than I can possibly devote to it, I tender my resignation as librarian, trusting you may act upon the same as speedily as possible.

I would recommend, first, that additional room be asked of the Town for library purposes. A large number of books are suffering for want of shelf room. Better accommodations are required for visitors, and that the same be properly heated. Second, that the Library be opened at 2 P. M., instead of 4, on Saturdays; also, on Wednesdays all the year round as well. Third, that a sufficient sum of money be asked for as will enable the Trustees to purchase many valuable works, of which we are much in need; and lastly, that the Janitor be required to keep order about the hall during library hours.

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS MERRITT.

Swampscott, Feb. 25, 1880.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :

From the report of our Librarian, published in the preceding pages, the history of our Library is learned from its commencement down to the present time. It is a source of gratification to us to find that the change made during the past year, from a circulating to a free library, has so greatly increased the number of books loaned. During the winter months the increase has been much larger than at any other time ; more than three times as many books have been read this winter than last, and we hope that the six hundred names our Librarian has now on his register will grow to a much larger number, and thus still further increase the usefulness of our Library.

The method of delivering books, under the old system, not being adapted to the use of a free library, it was necessary to bring into use our present mode of delivery, which we believe to be, as our Librarian states, the best that can be devised when so large a number of readers are to be accommodated as we now have. To make the necessary alterations for the convenience of the new system, an expenditure of a large part of the money granted

for our use had to be made, reducing much lower than we felt could be spared, our funds for the purchase of new books, and thus we have only been able to supply a few of the choicest of the new works that have appeared. For some time past our shelf-room has not been sufficient to give room to all our books, and we are now much in need of additional shelves, but as it has been proposed by many of our citizens to enlarge the hall during the coming year, we have not as yet taken any steps toward providing for them, for if the hall is extended as proposed it will give us the space for shelves we so much need, and more conveniently than in any other way, besides being ample for our growth for a considerable time.

A vote was passed at our last annual meeting, directing that the position of Librarian should be let out to the lowest bidder; we therefore posted through the Town advertisements for bids. In answer, we received proposals from a number of citizens, and from a few out of town people. After due consideration of all the offers made, we decided to favor the bid of Mr. Curtis Merritt as being perhaps the lowest—it was an open question who was the lowest—certainly from his long experience the most competent; and that, being considered of the most importance, had much to do with influencing our decision to place the library under his care. Mr. Merritt's bid included the usual duties of a Librarian, the employing of an assistant, and the care of the library

room. His contract went into effect May 1, 1879, to continue until March 1, 1880. The amount to be paid him was \$166 67. The amount paid him more than this was for his services previous to May 1, 1879, and for extra work performed during the year, of which there was considerable, principally in the preparation of a supplement to the catalogue, a work requiring much time, and in all having to do so much more than was anticipated, a charge of \$15 for extra work was allowed.

With the close of the year our present Librarian wishes to resign his position and not to be considered an applicant for the coming year. Mr. Merritt has been connected with our library since its commencement and has done much toward elevating it to its present standard. We regret to learn of his withdrawal for we feel it would be for the interest of our library to continue the services of one who has proved himself to be so capable.

Mr. Merritt's report contains a number of suggestions for the future which we think worthy your consideration.

Respectfully,

DANIEL P. STIMPSON,	} Trustees.
FRANK O. ELLIS,	
F. F. STANLEY,	

REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

Owing to the small appropriation for the highways the last two years, and the difficulty in procuring gravel, the streets generally are in a poor condition.

The cost of repairing is more than a great many of our citizens are aware of, on account of the gravel being at so great a distance from where the most of it is used. The gravel in Upper Swampscott for the last three years has cost as much when dug as it should have cost when spread upon the streets, and on account of its being so scarce and hard to get, I was compelled to buy five hundred loads from outside parties during the past year. I would recommend that a gravel pit be procured, as centrally located as possible, and I think gravel enough to repair the streets on the hill should be obtained from some place in that vicinity.

I would also recommend that a sum of money be appropriated to pave gutters, as some of the streets cannot be kept in repair without, and I think the Town should also make an appropriation for curbstones, they being especially required at the corners and sharp curves of the streets, to keep the carriages off the sidewalks. A mod-

erate sum for this purpose and for paving gutters would, in my judgment, be in the interest of economy.

BARTLETT SHAW.

March 1, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BY-LAWS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1878, the Auditing Committee were instructed to revise and compile the By-Laws of the Town, and when so revised and compiled to submit them to the Town for approval.

Acting under authority of that vote, we respectfully submit the following report for the consideration of the Town:

D. HOLMAN MILLETT.
BENJAMIN J. LINDSEY,
EDWIN A. FARNHAM.

TOWN MEETINGS.

CHAPTER 1.

SECTION 1. The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers, and for other purposes, shall be held on the third Saturday of March in each year.

SEC. 2. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting an attested copy of the Warrant calling the same at the Town

Hall, Depot, Post Office, and three other public and conspicuous places in the Town, seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting.

SEC. 3. The Warrant shall in all cases contain an enumeration of all the subjects to be acted on at the meeting.

SEC. 4. Town officers required by law to be chosen by ballot, and their respective terms of office, shall be designated in the Warrant.

SEC. 5. The Selectmen shall specify in the Warrant the manner in which the several officers shall be voted for, whether on one ballot, or at the same time on separate ballots.

RULES FOR GOVERNMENT OF TOWN MEETINGS.

CHAPTER 2.

SECTION 1. At the time appointed the Town Clerk shall call the meeting to order, read the Warrant, and preside until a Moderator is chosen.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order in Town Meeting, in all its proceedings, and this without question, debate, or delay, in all cases in which the breach of order or the departure from the rules is manifest; to permit no smoking, profane or indecent language, and to allow no one to occupy the platform except persons who have the floor and are addressing the meeting, and the officers conducting the same. It is also the right

of every person taking notice of a breach of order to insist upon the enforcement of it in the same manner.

SEC. 3. The presiding officer while occupying the chair shall not participate in any discussion before the meeting.

SEC. 4. Every person when about to speak shall rise and respectfully address the chair, shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid personality, and shall sit down when he has finished.

SEC. 5. No person rising to move a question shall proceed to speak until the motion has been distinctly stated to the meeting by the Moderator, and no person speaking shall be interrupted by another but by rising up to call to order.

SEC. 6. When called to order by the Moderator, the person speaking shall sit down, and remain seated until the point of order is decided.

SEC. 7. Every question of order shall be decided by the Moderator, but an appeal from his decision may be made to the meeting, and such appeal shall be decided without debate.

SEC. 8. No person shall speak more than twice, nor shall any person speak more than twenty minutes without permission, upon any question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, except for the correction of an error, or to make an explanation, and not until others who have not spoken upon the question shall speak if they desire it.

SEC. 9. Articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon in their order, unless otherwise ordered, by a vote of the meeting.

SEC. 10. No final vote shall be reconsidered except upon notice for that purpose, made by one of the majority acting thereon, within thirty minutes after such vote has been passed.

SEC. 11. All questions submitted for the consideration of the meeting, involving the expenditure of money, shall be in writing, and all other motions shall be reduced to writing if required by the presiding officer.

SEC. 12. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

SEC. 13. Any person may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it; a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

SEC. 14. No action shall be had at any Town Meeting on the report of any committee previously chosen unless the same shall be specially notified in the Warrant for calling said meeting.

SEC. 15. No vote fixing the time for closing a ballot shall be reconsidered after such ballot shall have commenced, but the time for closing such ballot may be extended with such reconsideration.

SEC. 16. When any legal voter shall move that any question shall be taken by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided twenty legal voters shall so direct.

SEC. 17. The motions, *to adjourn, to lay on the table, to take from the table, for the previous question, and for the yeas and nays,* shall be decided without debate.

SEC. 18. The duties of the Moderator, not prescribed by the statutes, or the foregoing rules shall be determined by the Rules of Practice contained in Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Law—so far as they are adapted to the conditions and powers of the Town.

FINANCIAL.

CHAPTER 3.

SECTION 1. The financial year of the Town shall begin with the first day of March in each year, and end on the last day of the following February.

SEC. 2. No money (except State taxes and principal and interest of legally authorized Town notes) shall be paid by the Town Treasurer without a written or printed warrant for the same, signed by the Selectmen or a major part of them.

SEC. 3. The Town Treasurer shall issue no note in the name of the Town without being countersigned by a majority of the board of Selectmen, and no note shall be valid against the Town unless so signed and countersigned, and the Treasurer and Selectmen shall keep a record of all notes so given.

SEC. 4. The Town Treasurer shall, on the first secular day of March, annually, render to the Auditors, in writing, a full account

of all his receipts and disbursements for the financial year last past.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer and Collector shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their several duties in such sums as the Town may order, and with sureties satisfactory to the Selectmen.

SEC. 6. All money received by any town officers, or Committee or any person acting for or in behalf of the Town shall, upon receipt of the same, be paid into the Town Treasury, except such sums as may be received for dog licenses, which shall be paid into the County Treasury.

SEC. 7. All bonds of Treasurers, Collectors, Constables or other persons shall be safely kept and retained by the authorities of the Town, and shall not be surrendered or canceled.

SEC. 8. The Town Treasurer shall present to the Auditors proper vouchers for all monies paid out for interest on the Town notes.

TAXES.

CHAPTER 4.

SECTION 1. All taxes shall be assessed, and the tax list and Warrant shall be committed to the Collector on or before the first day of August in each year, and the Collector shall deliver all the tax bills within fourteen days after such commitment.

SEC. 2. On the first secular day of each month the Collector shall pay over to the Treasurer of the Town all taxes by him collected (except County taxes), and shall on or before the twentieth day of February in each year make up his annual account, and render the same to the Selectmen.

SEC. 3. All taxes assessed in each year shall be paid on or before the first day of December in the same year. In all cases where the tax bills are not paid at the time specified above, it shall be the duty of the Collector forthwith to issue a summons to each delinquent, and if such delinquent does not pay the amount of his tax within fourteen days after the issuing of the summons, with twenty cents for the summons, the Collector shall forthwith proceed to collect the amount due, in manner provided by law.

HIGHWAYS.

CHAPTER 5.

SECTION 1. No building shall be moved over any public road or way in this Town without a written permit from the Selectmen being obtained, and any person who shall not comply with such restrictions as the Selectmen shall think public security requires them to set forth in any permit, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of ten dollars, provided that the Selectmen shall in no case grant permit for the removal of any building whatsoever which in the course of its removal will be likely to destroy or damage any trees or shrubs, the property of individuals, whether standing in the roads or in the fields, unless the consent of such individuals is first obtained.

SEC. 2. Such written permission shall contain a condition that the owner of such building, or the person or persons removing the same shall pay the Town all damages, costs and expenses for which the Town may be liable or compelled to pay by reason of said street being obstructed or encumbered.

SEC. 3. Whenever complaint shall be made to the Selectmen that the practice of coasting on any of the streets or sidewalks in the Town has become dangerous to the public safety, they may, if they shall judge it expedient, post up a notice in some conspicuous place on the side or corner of any such street or sidewalk, forbidding all persons to coast upon the same, and if any person shall be found coasting on the same after the posting of such notice, he shall forfeit a sum not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered of the offender, his parent or guardian

SEC. 4. No person, except the Highway Surveyor, in the lawful performance of his duty, or those acting under his orders, shall obstruct any sidewalk or street, or any part thereof, or break or dig the gravel of the same, without first obtaining a written license from the Selectmen, and the person so licensed shall put and keep up a suitable railing around the parts of any sidewalk or street so obstructed, and shall place a substantial and convenient walk around such obstructions, and keep as many lighted lanterns fixed at proper places for the protection of the public, from twilight through the night, as the Selectmen or Highway Surveyor shall direct, so long as the said obstruction shall be unsafe or inconvenient for travelers.

SEC. 5. Any person placing any obstructions on any sidewalk

or highway of the Town without a permit from the Selectmen, who shall not remove such obstructions immediately after receiving notice from any Police Officer, shall forfeit three dollars for every such offence, and three dollars additional for every six hours such obstructions remain.

SEC. 6. No awning, sign or projection of any kind shall be erected or constructed over the sidewalk without a written permit from the Selectmen, stating the conditions upon which such projections are granted, and the length of time they shall continue.

SEC. 7. Whoever posts, affixes or in any way attaches any poster, handbill, notice, advertisement or placard to or upon any post, wall, fence, building or structure not his own, without the permission of the owners or proprietors of such post, wall, fence, building or structure, shall forfeit and pay for each offence a fine of not less than five or more than twenty dollars, to be paid into the treasury of the Town.

SEC. 8. Whoever paints, draws, or stamps any letter, notice, figure, advertisement, or marks upon any wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure not his own, without the permission of the owner of such wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure, or without said permission mars, defaces or disfigures in any way such wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure, shall forfeit and pay for each, a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, to be paid into the treasury of the Town.

SEC. 9. No person shall leave any wagon, cart or other vehicle, wood, coal, or other articles in any street, way or sidewalk, and suffer the same to remain over night without maintaining a suffi-

cient light over or near the same through the night, to prevent injury to travelers.

SEC. 10. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol or firearm, or set fire to any materials known as "fire works," or other combustible matter, or throw any such lighted fireworks in any of the public or private ways of the Town, except on such occasions as the Board of Selectmen may specially permit.

SEC. 11. One or more persons standing on any sidewalk or crosswalk in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for foot passengers, who shall not disperse immediately, when ordered by any of the Selectmen or Police Officers of the Town, shall severally forfeit the sum of three dollars for every violation of this by-law.

SEC. 12. Every owner of any vehicle, or person in charge of the same, stopping on the highways of the Town so as to obstruct or delay the passage of other vehicles, or for the purpose of peddling any article shall attract such a number of persons as shall obstruct or delay the passage of vehicles, who shall not remove such obstruction immediately when ordered by any Police Officer, shall forfeit three dollars for every such offence.

SEC. 13. No vehicle of any kind, with or without a horse or any other animal attached, shall remain backed against the sidewalk on any highway of the Town any longer than it may be absolutely necessary to load or unload the same.

SEC. 14. No person shall suffer or permit any horse or other animal, carriage or vehicle of any kind belonging to him or under his care, to stand or stop upon any sidewalk or crosswalk in the

Town for any purpose, except the taking or leaving of passengers or merchandise, or for any longer time than may be absolutely necessary for such purpose.

SEC. 15. No gate, either for the use of persons, horses, cattle, carriages, or vehicles of any kind, constructed in any fence abutting on the highways of the Town, shall open outward over the sidewalk or highway.

SEC. 16. No person shall ride any horse or drive any horse attached to a carriage of any description, either of burden or pleasure, or cause the same to be driven in any street, lane or other way in the Town, at an immoderate gait, so as to endanger or expose to injury any person standing, walking or riding in or on the same, under a penalty of not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

SEC. 17. No owner, or person having the charge of any horse, cow, swine, sheep, goat, or other grazing animal, shall permit the same to pasture in any street or public way within the Town, either with or without a keeper, under a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence. Provided, that this by-law or regulation shall not affect the rights of any person to the use of land within the limits of such way adjoining his own premises, and it shall be the special duty of Field Drivers of this Town to enforce the by-law.

SEC. 18. No person shall erect or cause to be erected any fence or building adjoining any street or public ground, or set any posts without having first obtained the bounds of the same by application to the Selectmen for that purpose.

DUTIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

CHAPTER 6.

SECTION 1. The Selectmen shall have full authority as agents of the Town to institute and prosecute suits in the name of the Town, and to appear and defend suits brought against it, unless it is otherwise specially ordered by a vote of the Town.

SEC. 2. There shall be chosen annually, by ballot, a board of Auditors, consisting of three persons, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, and other Town officers, committees and agents, at the close of the fiscal year, which shall be on the last day of February, annually, and for this purpose they shall have access to all the books and vouchers belonging to the Town, and report at the next Town Meeting, in detail, under their respective heads, all the receipts and expenditures by the Town for the previous year, said report, with all other reports of Town officers, shall be printed, and a copy thereof left at every dwelling-house in Town, three days at least before the Annual Town Meeting.

SEC. 3. The Town Treasurer shall take the oath and file his official bond according to law, before entering upon the duties of that office.

SEC. 4. The Selectmen may appoint, annually, two or more Police Officers, whose special duty it shall be to see that these By-Laws are duly enforced, and who shall remain in office until others are appointed in their place, subject to removal by the

Selectmen, and they shall receive from the Town such compensation for their services as the Selectmen may deem reasonable.

SEC. 5. All accounts and other claims against the Town, for labor done, services performed, or materials of any kind furnished for the use of the Town, under the charge, direction or superintendence of any board or officer of the Town, shall, when presented to the Selectmen, bear an attestation of the approval of such board or officer; otherwise the same shall not be received nor acted upon by said Selectmen, and the Selectmen shall not authorize the payment of any account or claim whatsoever against the Town unless such account or claim be separately made out, when belonging to different departments, and accompanied by a full and exact statement of the labor or service performed, or the materials furnished; and the Selectmen shall also receive satisfactory vouchers from each of the persons to whom payment was due.

SEC. 6. Whenever the appropriation placed in the hands of any board or department for a specified purpose shall be exhausted, such board or department shall not proceed to further expenditure without authority from the Town, provided that this shall not forbid any expenditure that may be absolutely needful to the public safety, or that may be imperatively required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SEC. 7. The Town Clerk shall make an annual report upon the vital statistics of the Town. Said report shall show in detail the number of births and marriages in the Town during the year; the number of deaths and the causes thereof, so far as known; the number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, as returned by the assessors; the number of licenses for different

purposes issued during the year, and the sums received therefor to the use of the Town.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to notify immediately, in writing, all committees that may be elected or appointed at any Town meeting, and the nature of the business upon which they are expected to act.

TRUANCY.

CHAPTER 7.

SECTION 1. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who may be found in any street or public place in the Town during school hours, and not giving a satisfactory reason for his or her absence from school, shall be arrested by any Truant officer of the Town, and taken to the school to which he or she belongs, and delivered to the teacher thereof, and any child who may be absent as aforesaid a third time shall be deemed an habitual truant.

SEC. 2. A child guilty of truancy shall be reported by the teacher to one of the School Committee, who shall, if he deems the offence sufficiently aggravated to deserve punishment, forthwith notify the parent or guardian of such child, who shall be allowed to prevent summary punishment by such pledges for the good conduct of the child as shall be satisfactory to the School Committee; and if such pledges are not given or kept, the School Committee or any one of them may forthwith notify one of the

Truant officers, who shall at once make the complaint required by law against such child before any Trial Justice or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

SEC. 3. There shall be appointed annually by the School Committee one or more Truant officers, whose duty it shall be to see that the laws in relation to truancy are duly enforced, and make and prosecute to final judgment all complaints under the same, and they shall receive for their services such compensation as the School Committee may deem reasonable.

DOGS.

CHAPTER 8.

SECTION 1. Every owner or keeper of a dog shall annually, on or before the 30th day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the Town Clerk, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with the owner's name and registered number, and shall pay for such license two dollars for a male dog, and five dollars for a female dog.

SEC. 2. Any person becoming the owner or keeper of a dog not duly licensed, on or after the first day of May, shall cause said dog to be registered, numbered, described and licensed until the first day of the ensuing May, in the same manner and subject to the terms described above.

SEC. 3. Any person keeping a dog contrary to this by-law shall forfeit fifteen dollars, of which five dollars shall be paid to the complainant, and ten dollars to the Town Treasurer.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

CHAPTER 9.

SECTION 1. No person shall suffer to remain about his premises any noxious, poisonous, decayed or putrid animal or vegetable matter, and the Board of Health shall have power to abate such nuisance, and the expense thereof shall be paid by the guilty party.

SEC. 2. No person shall put or cause to be put or placed in any street or other public place in the Town, any dirt, garbage, carrion, shavings, filth, oyster shells, offal, or any kind of rubbish, except in such place and in such manner as shall be directed or permitted by the Board of Health, on pain of forfeiting and paying for each offence a sum of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars; and in case any person so offending shall refuse or neglect to remove such matter or thing without delay, after notice given to him or her by Board of Health to so remove the same, such person shall forfeit and pay a further sum of not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for any such offence.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to look after the sanitary condition of the Town, and make all such regu-

lations as it judges necessary for the public health and safety, respecting nuisances, sources of filth, and causes of sickness within the Town, and respecting articles which are capable of containing infection or contagion, or of creating sickness, brought into or conveyed from the Town.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of such Board of Health to enter complaint against all parties offending against the laws of the Commonwealth providing for the preservation of the public health, and to prosecute the same to final judgment at the expense of the Town.

CEMETERIES.

CHAPTER 10.

SEC. 1. Whoever shall be guilty of tearing down or injuring any fence or erection enclosing any cemetery or place for the burial of the dead in the Town, or whoever shall trespass upon any such place in the Town by resorting thereto to engage in any sport or game, or of appropriating any part of any such enclosure to any other than for burial purposes, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars for each offence.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent or persons having charge of the Cemeteries in the Town to examine into all trespasses enumerated in the above section, and to complain of all persons offending against the same, as well as against the statutes

of the Commonwealth relating to the preservation of cemeteries and places of burial.

BY-LAWS — WHEN TO TAKE EFFECT.

These By-Laws shall go into effect upon their approval by the Superior Court within and for the County of Essex, or by some Justice of said Court, and upon such approval all existing By-Laws shall be repealed.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CEMETERY.

At our last Annual Meeting an appropriation was made for the purpose of making certain improvements in our Cemetery.

I have now to report the work on same completed. The common lot has been graded and laid out in plats, with walks between them, and in other ways the appearance of the lot has been improved and made more attractive. Besides this work the well has been sunk deeper, and now there is plenty of water, which I believe will hold good during the dryest season. There has also been a number of trees set out in different parts of the grounds, and a new door furnished for the Town Tomb. The total expenditures have been \$227.00. The number of lots sold during the year was seven, and the price obtained was \$25 each.

The grounds are now in excellent condition, and I am of the opinion that no extra appropriation will be needed for some time.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH STANLEY, *Supt.*

TOWN WARRANT.

ESSEX, SS.

To JAMES WHEELER, Constable of the Town of Swampscott :

GREETING :—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Swampscott, on the thirteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3.—To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen, of the Auditors, of the School Committee, of the Trustees of the Library, of the Surveyor of Highways, of the Committee on the Revision of the By-Laws, and of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

ART. 4.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 6.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to compensate S. A. Lewis for the damage done his estate by the laying out of Rock Avenue.

ART. 7.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to the claim of Geo. F. King.

ART. 8.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to appropriating any sum of money to establish street lamps.

ART. 9.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to enlarging the Town Hall.

ART. 10.—To see what action the Town will take to provide some public system of drainage, and make an appropriation there for.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will introduce pure water, and make an appropriation therefor.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will prohibit the people from running their sewerage or drainage on to the beaches or into the Town drains.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will appropriate one thousand dollars to furnish and set curbstones.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will appropriate a certain sum of money to enforce the laws of the State in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors for the ensuing year.

ART. 15.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to stationing a policeman at the Town Hall at all public entertainments.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will vote to make the Library free to all residents of the Town.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint three trustees for the Library, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, and then after that one each year for three years.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay Town indebtedness.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money, under the direction of the Selectmen, in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed and collected.

ART. 20.—To see in what manner the Town will appropriate the money received for the license of dogs.

ART. 21.—To see what discount, if any, the Town will allow on taxes paid before a certain date.

ART. 22.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 23.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to uncollected taxes.

ART. 24.—To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate for the maintenance of the Town Library.

ART. 25.—To see if the Town will accept Chapter 186 of the Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1877, entitled “an Act in relation to Overseers of the Poor.”

ART. 26.—To see if the Town will accept Chapter 255 of the Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in the year 1878, entitled “an Act in relation to Selectmen and Assessors.”

ART. 27.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars, to purchase a lot of land, and erect an engine house thereon, in some convenient place near Blaney’s Beach, agreeable to the petition of William Granger and others.

ART. 28.—To see what action the Town will take on the Auditor’s Report in the case of J. P. Palmer *vs.* the Town of Swampscott.

ART. 29.—To see if the Town will dispense with or remove the watering trough on Humphrey street, in front of the fish market of W. A. Stubbs.

ART. 30.—To see if the Town will vote to elect two Surveyors of the Highways, agreeable to the petition of Abner Hayford and others.

ART. 31.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a lot of land for a gravel pit.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at several public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-third day of February, eighteen hundred and eighty.

JOSEPH STANLEY, GEO H. HOBBY, WHITFIELD A. STUBBS,	}	Selectmen.
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